

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

EMI PILANT,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:21-CV-5460-DWC

ORDER AWARDING FEES
PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS
TO JUSTICE ACT

It is hereby ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$7,750.00 are awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The amount of this award shall be paid to Plaintiff's attorney upon verification that Plaintiff validly assigned these EAJA fees to his attorney and that Plaintiff has no debt, which qualifies for offset against the award, pursuant to the Treasury Offset Program. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). If Plaintiff has no such debt and there is a valid assignment, then a check shall be made out to Plaintiff's attorney, Rory Linerud, and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office as follows: Rory J. Linerud, 1144 Wallace Road NW, #212, Salem, OR 97304.

1 If Plaintiff has a debt, and/or if there is no valid assignment, then a check for any
2 remaining funds, after any offset of the debt, shall be made to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's
3 attorney's office at the address stated above. IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 DATED this 31st day of March, 2022.

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8 United States Magistrate Judge
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17 /s/ Rory J. Linerud

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